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3. \_\_\_\_\_ This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. Since the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application (MPEP 1893.03(g)).

III. This IDS is being filed under

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It is believed that this disclosure, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures, Section 707.05(b). If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

There is no fee deemed necessary with this submission, however should any fee become due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Order Account 500675.

Respectfully submitted,

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